

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE BENTLEY 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30 PM

**Present** - Cllr M Munday – Chairman - 11 members of the public and the Clerk to the Parish Council.  
In attendance was, Cllr B Feltwell, Cllr Bamford, Cllr Spicer, Cllr Moxey, Cllr J Wheals, Cllr Cross, Cllr Perry, Cllr Schumacher, Tree Warden, & Speedwatch Co-ordinator – County Councillor G Hall & District Councillor D Busby

**1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence:**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone - she explained that this was her first experience of an Annual Parish Meeting as last year we asked Clubs and Organisations to submit their reports in advance of the Remote meeting. There would be a change in the order of the agenda item 7 would be changed round with item 5 to allow District Cllr Busby to leave the meeting. **Apologies:** Footpath Warden, Mr & Mrs Mehen.

**2. To approve minutes of the 2021 Remote Annual Parish Meeting -** The minutes were approved as a true record.

Proposed: M Bamford                      Seconded: K Spicer                      All in favour                      CU

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes -** There were no matters arising.

**4. Presentation from Bentley CEVCP School -** The Chairman explained that the children were unable to attend due to Easter Holidays -but a video of their presentation was shown to the meeting. Jo Austin – Headmistress started the video and two head pupils, Maisie & Blossom introduced themselves and proceeded to tell the meeting about charity fundraising events, Out & About, Prayer Space Days, Learning Spaces, Pupil Leadership, Our Wonderful PTA finally finishing their report with What Next. – A written report - **Appendix 1** can be found in the minute book or on the Parish Council website. This excellent presentation was given a round of applause.

**7. Report from District Councillor David Busby – To receive the report -** District Councillor Busby’s written report Appendix 2 had been received and forwarded to Councillors. It is on the Parish Council website and in the minute book. District Councillor Busby had some good news about the National Grid proposed new line coming from Norwich to Tilbury – 2 options i) West of Capel – ii) East of Capel – it looks as though it will be West of Capel so Bentley won’t be affected. He also spoke of the Joint Local Plan – Inspector was not happy with the Spatial side of the plan so that part is still pending - it should be done by the end of next year. His posts on the Life of a District Councillor were mentioned. The Chairman thanked District Councillor Busby for his help with planning issues the Parish Council had had this year. He had seen no improvement in the state of Bentley Barn but it was not from lack of trying hopefully this year we will have better luck. District Councillor Busby left the meeting.

**5. Parish Council Chairman’s Report -** The Chairman Cllr Marianne Munday gave a presentation of her report via the projector – A written report **Appendix 4** can be found in the minute book and on the Parish Council website. She spoke of the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan which is the final stage of examination, Bentley Bridge Barrier, the Village Playing field (drainage, litter bins, gym equipment, events, Maritime FC, access and parking), road safety – Speed Indicator Device purchased in June 2021, the ANPR trial, Community Speedwatch and Quiet Lanes. Planting trees – Bentley Community Orchard, County Broadband & BT and improvements requested by residents – ivy to be removed from tree by War Memorial. Cllr Munday ended her report with thanks to County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Dave Busby, the Clerk, all the clubs and organisations in the village, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Community Speedwatch Team and other volunteers who help make Bentley such a vibrant community.

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6. **Report from County Councillor Georgia Hall – To receive the report -** County Councillor Georgia Hall’s written report **Appendix 3** had been received and forwarded to Councillors. It is on the Parish Council website and in the minute book. County Councillor Hall introduced herself and spoke about SEND (special educational needs & disability) review which made nine recommendations - these have been used to draft an action plan. A £45.1m capital programme to create an additional 870 specialist education places for the children. Solar Together Suffolk - - On average homeowners have saved 33% on installation costs, £263 on energy bills in year one – and stopped harmful carbon emissions entering the atmosphere. There was an extra £20m investment in highway drainage and footpaths Unfortunately, Suffolk didn’t make the cut re £47m application re buses – there is a second amount of money that will be applied for to keep the buses running in Suffolk. County Councillor Hall ended her report by saying this year had been very interesting she had learned a lot but there was still a lot to learn over the next three years.
8. **Reports from Local People & Organisations – To note any written reports & to receive any presentations for local voluntary groups and organisations -** Reports were received from: Bentley CEVC Primary School, Footpath Society, Toddler Group, Outdoor Bowls, Link Lunch Club, Whist Club, Village Hall, Carpet Bowls, St Mary’s Church, Community Shop, Horticultural Society, The Case is Altered, School Governors, Bentley Bluebells WI, Bentley Bugle, Tree Warden Report, Friends of Capel Library, Speedwatch and Maritime FC.
- The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports all of which have been published on the Parish Council website.**
9. **Neighbourhood Plant Update – Get involved with your Village – We want your ideas –** N Moxey told the meeting that as part of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) – this is basically what the Parish wants to spend money on - needs to be updated on an annual basis. We need to know what residents want so an updated version of the PIIP can be put in the NHP – she asked residents to e-mail the Clerk with suggestions. The Chairman explained that when developments in the village were completed CIL money is received from Babergh – at the moment it is 15% but with a completed NHP we get 25%. The suggestions have to be reasonable – the original ideas were collected via the questionnaire from the NHP.
10. **Better Broadband for Bentley - Already** talked about under item 5.
11. **Open public session for electors to raise or discuss any matters relating to the parish. -** The state of the verges on Bentley roads was discussed – banks have been taken away – some of the trees could fall down – The Lorry Review had been submitted – Station Road is not suitable for lorries. Copdock Interchange was discussed – when A12 is closed traffic is diverted to A137. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee was discussed – Torch Relay – torch bearers Ray Bloomfield and Ellie Kirwin on an E-Rickshaw on 19 May at 5.10. The Local Plan -Part 2 Housing allocation was discussed – Babergh make the decision the Parish Council only make recommendations. Siting of SID was discussed with the need to maximise use in high speed areas. Another SID to be purchased.
8. **Date of Next Meeting –** To be confirmed – April 2023

The meeting closed at 9.00 – Refreshments were served

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: